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Academic Appointments

2006 - Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, UCSD

2006 - Faculty Affiliate, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, UCSD

2003-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

2003-2006 Core Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American Studies, Univ. of Pittsburgh

Education

- Ph.D. Department of Politics, New York University, NY, 2004.

 "Government Defeat: Coalitions, Responsiveness and Legislative Performance"

 Committee: Adam Przeworski (Chair), Youssef Cohen, John Ferejohn, John Londregan, and Jonathan Nagler
- M.A. Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, CA, 1996.

 "The Rise of Argentina's Economic Prosperity" (Advisor: Barry Weingast)
- B.A. Political Science, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1991.

Publications

Refereed Journals

- 1. "Legislative Preferences, Political Parties, and Coalition Unity in Chile," *Comparative Politics*. Vol. 39, No. 3: 253-272, 2007. Joint work with Eduardo Alemán.
- 2. "Do Countries Have a 'Democratic Advantage'? Political Institutions, Multilateral Agencies, and Sovereign Borrowing," *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 38: 366-387, 2005.
- 3. "Government Coalitions and Legislative Success Under Presidentialism and Parliamentarism," *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 34, No. 4: 565-587, 2004. Joint work with Adam Przeworski and Jose Cheibub.
- 4. "Amateur Legislators-Professional Politicians: The Consequences of Party-Centered Electoral Rules in a Federal System," *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 46, No. 3: 656-669, 2002. Joint work with Mark P. Jones, Pablo Spiller and Mariano Tommasi
- 5. "Fiscal Federalism in Argentina: Policies, Politics, and Institutional Reform," *Economía*, No. 2, 2001. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi, and Pablo Sanguinetti
- "Why is Argentina's Fiscal Federalism so Inefficient? Entering the Labyrinth," Journal of Applied Economics, Buenos Aires, Vol. II, N 1, May 1999. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi

Book Chapters

- 1. "Congress and Political Careers," in Mariano Tommasi and Pablo Spiller. *The Institutional Foundations of Public Policy in Argentina*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. Joint work with M. Tommasi, P. Spiller, and M. Jones.
- 2. "Federalism, Argentine-Style," in Mariano Tommasi and Pablo Spiller. *The Institutional Foundations of Public Policy in Argentina*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. Joint work with M. Tommasi.
- 3. "Can Democracy Prevent Default?," in Miguel A. Centeno, Harold James, and John Londregan (eds.) The Political Economy of Recurrent Debt., Princeton: PIIRS Monograph Series, no. 3, Princeton University, 2005.
- 4. "The 'sub-national' connection: legislative coalitions, cross-voting, and policymaking in Argentina," in Flavia Fiorucci and Marcus Klein (Eds.). The Argentine Crisis at the Turn of the Millennium: Causes, Consequences, and Explanations, Amsterdam: Aksant Academic Publishers, 2004.
- 5. "An 'Incomplete-Contracts' Approach to Intergovernmental Transfer Systems in Latin America," in Burki and Perri (Eds.). *Decentralization and Accountability of the Public Sector*, Washington D.C.: The World Bank, 2000. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi

Other Publications

- 1. Review of *Hamilton's Paradox: The Promise and Peril of Fiscal Federalism* by Jonathan A. Rodden, in *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 69, No. 1: 262-264, 2007.
- 2. Review of Federalism and the Market: Intergovernmental Conflict and Economic Reform in the Developing World by Erik Wibbels, in Comparative Political Studies, Vol. 39: 523-527, 2006.
- 3. "Political Institutions, Policymaking Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Paraguay, 1954-2003," *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 24, No. 2: 67-93, 2004. Joint work with José Molinas, and Aníbal Pérez Liñán.
- 4. "Ganar una 'Batalla' o Ganar la Guerra," Revista Lo que Vendrá, Buenos Aires, No. 2: 28-34, 2004. Co-authored with German Lodola.
- "Governos de Coalizão nas Democracias Presidencialistas e Parlamentaristas," Dados, Rio de Janeiro, Vol. 45, No. 2: 187-218, 2002. Joint work with José Cheibub and Adam Przeworski
- "Caudillos Provinciales, Reglas de Nominación y Carreras Legislativas en Argentina," in Res Pública, No. 1: 27-33, 2001.
- 7. "Le labyrinthe fiscal de l'Argentine et la thèorie des coûts de transaction en politique" in *Problèmes d'Amérique Latine*, Paris, No. 1037, June 2000. Joint work with Mariano Tommasi

Book

1. La Nueva Economía Política (Buenos Aires: EUDEBA, 1998). [Co-editor: M. Tommasi]

Working papers

"Vote-Buying in Legislatures with Cross-Pressured Legislators"

"Pivotal and Signaling Voting Motivations in Bicameral Legislatures," with M. Iaryczower.

"Evaluating Chief Executives' Statutory Policy Making Abilities"

"Political Competition, Income Redistribution, and Sovereign Debt Repudiation"

"Dimensions of Conflict in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies, 1904-1955"

"Cultures of Violence: Social Norms, Institutions, and Civil War," with E. Miguel and S. Satyanath.

Courses Taught

Comparative Politics: Institutions (Ph.D. Graduate level) – UCSD.

Game Theory (Ph.D. Graduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Introduction to Political Economy (Ph.D. Graduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Mathematics for Political Scientists: Calculus (Ph.D. Graduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Mathematics for Political Scientists: Probability (Ph.D. Graduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Introduction to Game Theory (Undergraduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Analytical Models of Political Institutions (Undergraduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Autocracy, Democracy, and Development (Undergraduate level) – U. Pittsburgh.

Political Institutions and Policy Outcomes (M.A. Graduate level), International Summer School. Economics Department, Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia)

Latin American Politics, Paul McGhee Division, SPCS, New York University

Research Experience

Co-PI. Political Institutions, Policy Making Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Paraguay. Inter-American Development Bank, 2003

Consultant. Political Institutions, Policy Making Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Ecuador. Inter-American Development Bank, 2003

Research assistant - Prof. Adam Przeworski, NYU, Department of Politics, 2002-2003

Research assistant - Prof. Stathis Kalyvas, NYU, Department of Politics, Spring 2000

Research assistant - Prof. Mariano Tommasi, Center for the Study of Institutional Development (CEDI), Argentina, 1998

Grants and Fellowships

UCSD - Academic Senate. Travel to Professional Meeting. April 2007.

University of Pittsburgh - CLAS Travel to Professional Meeting Grant. September 2005.

University of Pittsburgh - School of Arts and Sciences, Type I Third Term Research Stipend. Award: \$4000, 2005.

University of Pittsburgh - UCIS Hewlett International Grant Program. Awards: \$500 (March), \$500 (October), 2004.

University of Pittsburgh - CLAS Faculty Research Grants Competition 2003-2004. Award: \$3,700. March 2004.

Iter-American Development Bank Grant for *Political Institutions*, *Policy Making Processes*, and *Policy Outcomes in Paraguay* (Co- PI) Award from IADB: \$35,000. September, 2003.

Bradley Fellowship, NYU. Department of Politics, Fall 2001/Spring 2002

Fundación Antorchas (Argentina), Dissertation Fellowship, 2001-2002

American Political Science Association, Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2001

Coca-Cola Foundation/NYU-CLACS, Summer Travel Grant, 2001

Tinker Foundation/NYU-CLACS, Summer Travel Grant, 2000

NYU, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Summer Travel Grant, 1999

NYU. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tuition Incentive Program, 1998-1999

República Argentina - Ministerio de Cultura y Educación. Programa de Becas, 1998-1999

Organization of American States. Grant in Political Science, 1995-1996

Fulbright Fellow in Political Science, 1995-1996

Invited Talks

University of Washington, Political Economy Discussion Society, April 2007.

Hudson Institute, Center for Latin American Studies, June 2006.

University of California, San Diego, December 2005.

Yale University, Leitner Program in International Political Economy, January 2005.

University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop, December 2004.

Inter-American Development Bank, November 2004

Princeton University, Political Economy Workshop, November 2004.

Yale University, December 2002.

University of Pittsburgh, December 2002.

Conference Participation

"Political Prowess or "Lady Luck"? Evaluating Chief Executives' Statutory Policy Making Abilities,"

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007.

"Pork or Policy? Organizational Practices, Career Ambitions and Legislative Production in Ecuador and Paraguay" (with A. Perez-Linan and A. Mejia-Acosta)

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006.

Annual Meeting of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Puerto Rico, March 2006.

"Political Competition, Income Redistribution, and Sovereign Debt Repudiation"

Annual Meeting of the *Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association*, Paris, France, October 2005.

"Pivotal and Signaling Voting Motivations in Bicameral Legislatures" (with M. Iaryczower).

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2005.

"The Role of Legislatures in the Policymaking Process"

IDB Workshop on State Reform, Public Policies and Policy Making Processes, IDB, Washington, D.C., February 2005.

"Win Some, Lose Some: Explaining the Variation in Latin American Chief Executives Legislative Success Rates"

Annual Meeting of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Las Vegas, October 2004.

"Policymaking Institutions, Policymaking Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Paraguay" (with J. Molinas, J. Costa, M. Montero, and A. Perez-Linan).

Annual Conference of the *International Society of New Institutional Economics*, Arizona, September 2004.

IADB-RES Conference Political Institutions, Policy Making Processes, and Policy Outcomes. IADB-RES, Puebla, Mexico, October 2003.

"Partisan Cohesion and Coalition Unity in the Chilean Congress" (with E. Aleman).

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004.

"Political Institutions, Policymaking Processes, and Policy Outcomes in Ecuador" (with C. Araujo, A. Mejia, S. Pachano, and A. Perez-Linan).

IADB-RES conference Political Institutions, Policy Making Processes, and Policy Outcomes, Weatherhead Center/Harvard University, May 2004.

"Voting Coalitions and Electoral Responsiveness: A Model of Government Legislative Defeat"

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2004.

"Can Democracy Prevent Sovereign Debt Repudiation?"

World Politics Conference on "The Political Economy of Recurrent Debt", PIIRS, Princeton University, March 2004.

"The 'Sub-National' Connection: Legislative Coalitions, Cross-Voting, and Policymaking in Argentina"

Conference Quo Vadis, Argentina? CEDLA, Amsterdam, November 2003.

"Coalitions, Responsiveness and Government Defeat: Evidence from the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies"

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.

"Governments' Legislative Defeats under Dictatorship" (with J. Gandhi and J. Gochal).

Annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2003.

"Coalition Formation, Cross-voting and Legislative Success: A Model of Presidential Policymaking with Application to Argentina,"

Annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, March 2003.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2002.

"Governments' Legislative Success: Data, Sources, and Preliminary Findings" Conference on Institutions, Behavior and Outcomes. CEBRAP, Brazil, March 2003.

"Political Institutions, Multilateral Agencies, and Sovereign Borrowing"

Seminar on Globalization and Governance, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2002.

"Government Coalitions and Legislative Success Under Presidentialism and Parliamentarism" (with A. Przeworski and J. Cheibub).

Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2002. Conference on Representation and Democratic Politics in Latin America, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 2001.

"Optimal Defeat: Coalitions, Constituency Influence and Government Legislative Success"

Conference on Political Parties and Legislative Organization in Parliamentary and Presidential Regimes. Yale University, March 2002.

"Keeping A Seat in Congress: Provincial Party Bosses and the Survival of Argentine Legislators" (with M. Jones, P. Spiller and M. Tommasi).

Annual Meeting of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Washington D.C., September 2001.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2001.

"Is There a 'Democratic Advantage'?: Assessing the Role of Political Institutions in Sovereign Lending"

XVIII Latin American Meeting of the *Econometric Society*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2001.

Annual Meeting of the $American\ Political\ Science\ Association,$ Washington, D.C., August 2000.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2000.

"Coming Together: The Industrial Organization of Federalism" (with M. Iaryczower and M. Tommasi).

Conference on Positive Theory of Constitutions and Constitutional Design, Ohio State University, Columbus, May 2001.

Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, March 2000.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1999.

"Political Parties as Insurance Mechanisms for Office Seeking Politicians" (with P. Navia).

Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2001.

"The Dark Side of Federalism" (with M. Tommasi)

Annual Conference of the $International\ Society\ of\ New\ Institutional\ Economics$, Tübingen, Germany, September 2000.

"Professional Politicians - Amateur Legislators: The Argentine Congress in the 20^{th} Century" (with M. Jones, P. Spiller and M. Tommasi).

Annual Conference of the *International Society of New Institutional Economics*, Tübingen, Germany, September 2000.

Other Conference Activities

Discussant, "Political Economy of Regulation," annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2007.

Organizer/Participant, "Roundtable: The Electoral Year in Latin America," annual meeting of the *Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, January 3-7, 2007.

Discussant, "Parties and Elections in Latin America," annual meeting of the *Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, January 3-7, 2007.

Discussant, "Corruption and Rent Seeking," annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, September 2, 2006.

Discussant, "Executive-Legislative Relations in Latin America," annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2006.

Organizer/Discussant, "Political Institutions and Policy Outcomes: Latin America in Comparative Perspective," annual meeting of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006.

Discussant, "The Comparative Political Economy of Developing Countries," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 1-4, 2005.

Discussant, "Economic Policies and Globalization," annual Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference. University of Pittsburgh, February 2005.

Discussant, "Parties, Legislatures, and Elections," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004.

Discussant, "Formal Models of U.S. Legislatures," annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2004.

Discussant, "Issues in Political Economy," annual Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference. University of Pittsburgh, February 2004.

Discussant, "Legislatures and Legislators in Latin America," annual meeting of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Dallas, March 27-29, 2003.

Departmental service

Member: European Politics Search Committee (tenure-track appointment), Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2004)

Member: Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2004, 2005, 2006).

Member: Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2004)

Member: Dissertation Committee, G. Lodola (2005), K. Ko (2006) - University of Pittsburgh.

Member: Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination Committee, K. Floros (December 2004)

Member: Qualifying Exam Paper Committee, T. Drago (December 2004), D. Moreno (December 2004) - University of Pittsburgh.

Co-organizer: New Methods in Political Science Seminar Series Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2004-2005, 2005-2006)

Co-organizer: CMU-Pitt Political Economy Reading Group (2006)

Professional service

Grant Proposal Reviewer: National Science Foundation, Economic and Social Research Council

Manuscript Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Fiscal Studies, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Politica y Gobierno, Publius, Social Science Quarterly, World Politics

Memberships

American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Latin American Studies Association

Other activities

President, NYU Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2000-2001

References

Prof. Adam Przeworski
Department of Politics
New York University
Prof. John Ferejohn
Department of Political Science
Stanford University
Prof. John Londregan
Department of Politics

Princeton University

Prof. Mark P. Jones
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